GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:267
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2004
LAW TO CHECK ON SALE OF SPURIOUS SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing laws to deal with the companies manufacturing and selling spurious and poor quality seeds;

(b) whether these laws are adequate to check the sale of spurious seeds;

(c) if so, the details of such manufacturing companies brought to book in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make the law more effective;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new legislation to check the sale of spurious seeds; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said legislation is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 267 DUE FOR REPLY ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2004.

(a): The Seeds Act, 1966 and Seeds Rules 1968 regulate the quality of seeds of notified kinds and varieties. The Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 regulates the production, supply and distribution of all types of seeds.

(b) to (e): Powers for implementation of the above Laws are vested with State Governments. These Laws give State Governments powers to deal with spurious and low quality seed manufacturing companies. However, Government has introduced inter-alia new Seeds Bill, 2004 in Rajya Sabha to replace the existing Seeds Act so as to strengthen the seed regulation. Status of implementation of Seeds Law Enforcement and Seeds (Control) Order for the last three years and current year, State-wise is placed at Annexure-I.

(f): The salient feature of the new Seeds Bill, 2004 are:

? Compulsory registration of varieties based on performance data;
? Accreditation of ICAR centres, State Agricultural Universities and Private Organisations to conduct trials.
? Accreditation of Organisations for certification.
? Maintenance of National Register of varieties.
? To regulate the export and import of seeds.
? Exemption for farmers to save, use, exchange, share or sell their seeds without registration.
? Accreditation of private seed testing laboratories.
? Enhancement of penalty for major and minor infringement.
? Inclusion of provisions to regulate GM crops and ban on terminator seed.
? Provision for compensation to the farmers by seed producing companies.

The Seeds Bill in question has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th Dec., 2004.

Annexure-I

Progress Report of Seed Law Enforcement during 2001-02

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2 Assam - - - - - - - - - - -
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8 Delhi - - - - - - - - - - -
9 Dadar & Nagar - - - - - - - - - - -
10 Diau & Daman - - - - - - - - - - -
11 Gujarat 74 3089 - 84 84 63 - 30 7 21 -
12 Goa - - - - - - - - - - -
13 Harayana 81 4834 - 286 114 102 12 1 1 23 -
14 Himachal Pr. 8 150 - 2 2 2 - - - - -
15 J & K 6 725 - 26 80 1 43 6 16 8 -
16 Jharkhand - - - - - - - - - - -
17 Karanataka 489 6624 - 118 66 86 45 32 - - -
18 Kerala - - - - - - - - - - -
19 Lakshadweep - - - - - - - - - - -
20 Madhya Pradesh 4980 4876 - 594 102 102 102 4 2 2 -
21 Meghalaya - - - - - - - - - - -
22 Maharashtra 874 10946 - 265 110 169 481 257 45 486 -
23 Manipur - - - - - - - - - - -
24 Mizoram 13 130 - - - - - - - - -
25 Nagaland - - - - - - - - - - -
26 Orissa 8 2075 - 541 - - - - - - -
27 Punjab 1190 3752 - 481 461 446 - - - - -
28 Pondicherry 14 371 - 25 10 25 - - - - -
29 Rajasthan 352 3834 - 67 - - - - - - -
30 Sikkim - - - - - - - - - - -
31 Tamil Nadu 59 20767 - 1608 1105 876 1098 138 90 48 -
32 Tripura -
33 Uttar Pradesh 690 2905 - 133 133 64 69 4 4 - -
34 Uttaranchal 20 53 - 21 - - - - - - -
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Progress Report of Seed Law Enforcement during 2002-03

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2 Assam 474 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil - - - -
3 Andaman Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
4 Arunachal Pr. Nil 1,533 Nil 501 Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
5 Bihar# - - - - - - - - - - -
6 Chandigarh Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
7 Chattisgarh# - - - - - - - - - -
8 Delhi 10 298 - 7 8 1 8 7 - - -
9 Dadar & Nagar Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
10 Diau & Daman Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
11 Gujarat 76 3,103 - 67 67 26 3 31 1
12 Goa 10 91 - 18 - - - - - - -

13 Harayana 81 2,900 - 102 82 87 8 2 - 5 -
14 Himachal Pr. 8 227 - 1 1 - -
15 J & K 6 973 - 55 33 - 106 33 23 10 -
16 Jharkhand 22 721 - 95 - - - - - - -
17 Karanataka 1,232 6,777 - 96 46 75 56 21 - - -
18 Kerala# - - - - - - - - - - -
19 Lakshadweep Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
20 Madhya Pradesh 4,980 3,058 - 377 102 102 102 4 2 2
21 Meghalaya# - - - - - - - - - - -
22 Maharashtra 874 11,323 - 384 184 309 369 753 45 496
23 Manipur Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
24 Mizoram 8 22 - 8 - - - - - -
25 Nagaland Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil
26 Orissa# - - - - - - - - - - -
27 Punjab 1,190 4,125 - 313 313 313 - - - - -
28 Pondicherry 14 153 - 9 4 4 - - - - -
29 Rajasthan 352 4,254 - 62 62 19 23 27 1 26 -
30 Sikkim 8 5,005 - 56 - - - - - - -
31 Tamil Nadu 59 20,775 - 1,085 875 706 985 84 76 8 2
32 Tripura 54 - - - - - - - - - -
33 Uttar Pradesh 487 1,803 - 78 64 48 16 4 4
34 Uttaranchal 20 56 - 13 - - - - - - -
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Total 10,643 76,588 - 39,99 1,982 1,695 1,704 1,017 169 682 6

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Progress Report of Seed Law Enforcement during 2003-04

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7 Chattisgarh#
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9 Dadar & Nagar - - - - - - - - - - -
10 Diau & Daman - - - - - - - - - - -
11 Gujarat - 3332 - 98 - - - - - - -
12 Goa 10 1170 - - - - - - - - -
13 Harayana 81 3281 - 65 65 59 4 2 - 5 -
14 Himachal Pr. 225 675 - - - - - - - - -
15 J & K#
16 Jharkhand#
17 Karanataka 1232 6107 - 61 44 50 36 10 - - -
18 Kerala#
19 Lakshadweep - - - - - - - - - - -
20 Madhya Pradesh 4980 3360 - 271 - - - - - - -
21 Meghalaya#
22 Maharashtra 884 10902 - 408 409 365 400 753 52 469 -
23 Manipur#
24 Mizoram 8 1000 - 245 - - - - - - -
25 Nagaland#
26 Orissa#
27 Punjab#
28 Pondicherry#
29 Rajasthan#
30 Sikkim - 1304 - 18 - - - - - - -
31 Tamil Nadu#
32 Tripura#

33 Uttar Pradesh#
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Total 7894 29216 - 1326 518 474 440 765 52 469 -

Note : # = Information yet to be received.

Progress Report of Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 during 2001-02

S.No	State	No.of Inspectors appointed	No.of seed dealers to whom licence issued	No.of cases where licence refused	No.of samples drawn	No.of cases prosecution launched under Essential Commodities Act	No.of cases where seed seized	No.of cases where seed seized from dealers	Detail of cases before Court of Law	No.of cases where appeals filed before appellate authority	No.of cases pending for the period
1	Andhra Pradesh	1160	9479	-	3080	-	-	35	-	3	-
2	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	A & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Arunachal Pr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Delhi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Dadar & Nagar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Diau & Daman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Gujarat	78	1281	-	3089	-	-	-	30	-	
12	Goa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Harayana	81	6025	3	2417	-	3	-	1	3	-
14	Himachal Pr.	225	378	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Jammu & Kashmir	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Karanataka	489	4644	6	6624	14	-	4	-	-	-
18	Kerala	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Maharashtra	-	511	-	10946	-	-	4	2	-	-
23	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Mizoram	8	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Nagaland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Orissa	730	14	-	2075	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Punjab	150	3283	-	3752	-	-	-	16	16	-
28	Pondicherry	14	42	-	371	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Rajasthan	352	156	-	3834	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Tamil Nadu	55	5076	2	20767	11	1	-	-	-	
32	Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Uttar Pradesh	690	5314	-	2905	-	-	-	4	-	-
34	Uttaranchal	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	West Bengal	258	7437	-	1216	-	-	-	-	-	-

Total 4310 43640 22 61076 25 4 43 23 52 -

Progress report of Seeds (Control) Order during 2002-2003

S.No	State	No.of Inspectors appointed	No.of seed dealers to whom licence issued	No.of cases where licence refused	No.of samples drawn	No.of cases where documents seized	No.of cases launched under Essential Commodities Act	No.of cases where prosecution launched	Detail of cases where seed seized	No.of cases where dealers convicted	No.of cases pending in the Court of Law	No.of cases where appeals filed before appellate authority for the period
1	Andhra Pradesh	1,160	8,080	-	3,860	-	51	28	2	-	-	
2	Assam	474	137	-	3,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3	A & Nicobar	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
4	Arunachal Pr.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
5	Bihar#	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
7	Chhattisgarh#	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8	Delhi	10	48	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	Dadar & Nagar	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
10	Diau & Daman	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
11	Gujarat	76	1,506	-	3,103	-	-	3	1	-	-	
12	Goa	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
13	Harayana	81	6,059	-	2,852	-	2	-	1	5	-	
14	Himachal Pr.	225	419	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15	J & Kashmir	6	161	-	973	-	33	-	-	-	-	
16	Jharkhand	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
17	Karanataka#	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
18	Kerala#	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
20	Madhya Pradesh	4,980	176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
21	Meghalaya#	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
22	Maharashtra	874	2,764	71	11,323	-	-	11	-	-	-	
23	Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
24	Mizoram	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25	Nagaland	1,190	3,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
26	Orissa#	14	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
27	Punjab	352	-	-	4,125	-	-	1	15	-	-	
28	Pondicherry	-	-	-	153	-	-	-	-	-	-	
29	Rajasthan	352	-	-	4,176	35	27	5	-	-	-	
30	Sikkim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31	Tamil Nadu	59	5,166	-	20,775	5	-	2	-	-	-	
32	Tripura	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
33	Uttar Pradesh	690	7,711	-	1,803	-	-	-	4	4	-	
34	Uttaranchal#	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
35	West Bengal#	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Total	10,275	36,072	71	58,847	40	113	50	23	9	Nil	

Progress report of Seeds (Control) Order during 2003-2004

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1	Andhra Pradesh#											
2	Assam#											
3	A & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4	Arunachal Pr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5	Bihar#											
6	Chandigarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	Chhattisgarh#											
8	Delhi#											

9 Dadar & Nagar - - - - - - - - - -
10 Diau & Daman - - - - - - - - - -
11 Gujarat#
12 Goa - - - - - - - - - -
13 Harayana 81 5722 - 3281 - 2 - - - -
14 Himachal Pr. 225 571 - - - - - - - -
15 J & Kashmir#
16 Jharkhand#
17 Karanataka 1232 4931 10 - 21 - 8 - - -
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32 Tripura#
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34 Uttaranchal#
35 West Bengal#

Total 2430 39758 10 14183 21 2 21 - - -

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- = Information is Nil.

For the current year i.e. 2004-05 information is yet to be received.
(it will available in the month of June 2005).